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| <i>Lo</i>             | 3  | 5,050,461       | 9/24/91 | Onoue et al. | 74    | 872      |                                 |
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| <i>Lo</i>             | 5  | 5,445,546       | 8/29/95 | Nakamura     | 440   | 75       |                                 |
| <i>Lo</i>             | 6  | 5,692,931       | 12/2/97 | Kawai        | 440   | 86       |                                 |
| <i>Lo</i>             | 7  | 5,910,191       | 6/8/99  | Okamoto      | 74    | 473      |                                 |
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| <i>Lo</i>             | 9  | 6,098,591       | 8/8/00  | Iwata        | 123   | 339.11   |                                 |
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